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A source in East Germany states that on 5 December a secret coded telegram was received by the East German Foreign Ministry from Johannes Koenig, East Germany's Ambassador to Communist China.

Koenig reportedly stated that Chinese Communist Foreign Minister Chou En-lai, in a confidential conference on 5 December, expressed his Government's views relative to the Korean situation as follows: There are only two possible ways of preventing another world war: namely, the evacuation of Korea by the United Nations forces, or evacuation by the Chinese forces. Since, at present, neither side is willing to leave Korea, the third world war is inevitable. Communist China has, therefore, made herself ready for the third world war.

A report from Hong Kong cites information from a Nationalist military official, who ostensibly received his information from a Chinese Communist who attended a meeting on 11 November. The meeting was called by the secretary of the Chinese Communist Party's South China subbureau upon receipt of a 10 November policy order from Peiping.

At the meeting, Asiatic policy clarification included the point that the Chinese Communist Government considers a world war inevitable. It also was reportedly declared that: (1) The Chinese must prepare for winter warfare because the Soviets prefer winter fighting, since they have the best winter-trained troops; (2) threats to the Pacific area must be eliminated, and Japan must be defeated before she can rearm; (3) a Chinese-Soviet command system is to be established; (4) Chinese Communist supply lines to Korea must be protected, and local militia forces organized throughout China; (5) allied Communist troops in Indo-China, Thailand, Burma, and the Philippines must be mobilized and aided by the Chinese Communists; (6) the Chinese Communists must prepare for an attack on the mainland from Taiwan and attack with the atom bomb; and (7) Chinese Communist objectives in Korea are to: (a) Drive the United Nations troops out of Asia; (b) obtain military bases in Korea; and (c) enable continuance of the Soviet Naval base at Najin on the Korean eastern coast just south of the Soviet border).

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Comment: The frequently reported defensive preparations being taken by the Chinese Communists point to Communist fear of attack and preparation for any eventuality*. The militia is being expanded, aid to the Viet Minh is being given, and propaganda has been accelerated with respect to other Asiatic countries.

Although there is no concrete information either confirming or contradicting the reported official views of the Chinese Communists regarding the inevitability of World War III, there is substantial evidence indicating that they regard it as probable and are preparing for it.

*See DIB, 1 Dec. 50.